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I am writing to give my support to Microsoft in the recent Department of Justice v. Microsoft antitrust case, and ask that you approve this settlement. I have Microsoft products and approve and agree with what Mr. Bill Gates has been trying to do -- and has succeeded -- in doing so by making software available to the average person, of which I am one, and at an affordable price. Just what is it that he has done that is contrary to law? I have always thought that by making a superior product with a reduction in price you would be serving the public. Personally, I think it is "sour grapes" on the part of the competitors of Microsoft who run crying to the government that what he has succeeded in doing, and doing so well, comes under antitrust. Also the attorneys-general who have refused to enter into a settlement always have been able to appoint "high powered" law firms to represent their state which, of course, calls for huge fees -- not fees, as far as I am concerned, but "pay offs." I do not know the technicalities of the settlement nor would I be able to understand the testimony in the actual trial. I am merely an average citizen, with an average education with a family to support who is interested in justice for the average person and want to pay a fair price for a product which, to me, is outstanding. What is it that Shakespeare said about lawyers?

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